



Monthly News

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February Events:

Business Meeting – The first meeting at Beef O’Brady’s on February 3 was excellent, as there were 22 members present. Major items of discussion included the Spring Time Tallahassee Parade (4/1/2000) and the Thomasville Rose Festival Parade (4/28/2000). The next Business Meeting is Thursday, March 2, 7:00 at Beef O’Brady’s

It's time to collect dues again for the Year 2000. The fee is \$25 per year and covers a yearly subscription to the monthly newsletter. Make checks payable to Cruisin’ Corvettes of Tallahassee and send to Cruisin’ Corvettes, 2907 Kerry Forest Parkway, Tallahassee FL. 32308. Please note, you will be removed from the club roster if your dues have not been received by March 1, 2000. Members that paid their dues after September 30, 1999 are exempt. Your renewal is due January 1, 2001.

Sonic Gathering - The turnout for February was small, once again due to weather conditions this time rain. We had an attendance of 8 cars. We still enjoyed the companionship and hope to see more of you at the next gathering. We did have an unexpected guest who has worked on the Corvette design team for many years. He told many stories of his experiences working on the Corvette project. I am hoping he will attend one of our business meetings to share his experiences with a larger group. The next Sonic Gathering is Saturday, March 18. Corvette gatherings are always held the third Saturday of each month starting at 7:00 PM located at the Sonic Drive Inn on North Monroe Street.

Moultrie Car Show – A cruise to the Moultrie car show was held on Saturday, February 5. A total of 15 Vettes met at the Publix on Thomasville Road in Bradfordville and made the cold cruise up U.S. 319 to Moultrie. There was plenty to see and the number of car enthusiasts that were there on Saturday was amazing due to the cold weather. The temperature didn’t rise above 40 degrees and with the wind blowing, the chill factor was unbelievable. Needless to say we all had fun just making the cruise! Keep in touch as the planning committee is really busy organizing other cruises.

Sweetheart Party - A party was held at the home of Brian and Stacey Webb on February 12th to commemorate Saint Valentine's Day. We had great member participation at this event, as there were 62 people that drove a total of 30 Vettes. I want to thank the 8 members of the Dothan, Alabama Corvette Club that made the cruise to Tallahassee to attend our event. A chance to win door prizes were given to all attendees and a Sweetheart Basket raffle earned the club \$285.00. Let’s all thank Anne Culpepper, B.J. Allen and Beverly Moore for organizing the refreshments, door prizes, Sweetheart Basket raffle and Brian and Stacey Webb for hosting this event in the fabulous Corvette Party Barn.

Save the Wave:

Did you ever wonder how “Save the Wave” started? The following is a reprint of an article; titled “Save the Wave” that appeared in the August/September 1969 issue of the Corvette News.



Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when he meets one of their likes on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. He immediately thinks:

1. He has been mistaken for Sterling Moss
2. His lights are on
3. He has just been given the bird

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping “yoo hoo” to the ultra cool “two finger flip.” He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded “oh brother” too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non-wavers, usually settling on the “Wave? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head” approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.

Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. This miss or misses who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused from occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models [remember this article was written in 1969] refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginning back when most of us were still driving tootsie-toys.

So now you know the meaning of:
“SAVE THE WAVE”

Future Events:

If you loose your newsletter and want to know what events are planned for our club, you can view the latest event's information by signing on to www.cruisincorvettes.com then select Future Events.

Spring Fling Car Show - This 14th annual car show is scheduled for March 25, 2000 at the Old Bainbridge Park located at 6024 Old Bainbridge Road and is sponsored by the Capital City Classic Chevy Club. This show features cash prizes for Best of Show, special awards for: Best Paint, Interior, Engine, Best Club Participation, Hard Luck and Longest Distance Driven. Dash plaques will be given to the first 100 registered cars, a Hospitality Party and a Model Car Contest is also featured. Registration and hospitality party begins at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 at the Old Bainbridge Park. Registration continues at 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturday, March 25 at the Old Bainbridge Park. Judging begins at 1:00 and will be completed by 2:30. Cars must be open for judging by 1:00. A Show-N-Shine runs from 1:00 until 5:00. Contact Linda Glessner at (850) 668-0359 or e-mail cmglessner@aol.com or Bill Cayson during the day at (850) 878-3931 for more information.

Springtime Tallahassee Parade – Springtime is here again and we have been invited to participate in the 2000 Springtime Tallahassee Grand Parade on Saturday, April 1, 2000 as Springtime celebrates its 32nd Anniversary. This year's theme is "Millennium Magic". The club's theme this year will be the same as last years to parade a variety of Corvettes ranging from the first edition C1 that began in 1953 to the current edition the 2000 C5. With this variety of cars, the club is able to demonstrate how the style has changed and improved over the past 47 years. We need to have representatives of at least 14 for the C1, C2 and C3 models and at least 6 for the C4 and C5 models. Give me a call (Jerry Culbreth) at 893-7315 (home) or 487-9414 (work) to reserve your space.

Thomasville Rose Parade – The parade will be held on Friday evening, April 28th, at 7:00 P.M. A street dance will follow the parade. A quote from the Thomasville Tourism Authority reads "Your organization comes highly recommended and we would be honored to have you participate in our Rose Parade". The theme for this year's parade will be "Where Roses Reign; Among the Pines." We need to have as many cars participate in this event as possible. More details on where to meet will be provided in the April newsletter, so make plans to participate.


Circle City Corvettes Cruise – The Circle City Corvettes club of Dothan, Alabama will hold their annual Corvette Caravan to Pineapple Willie's, Panama City Beach on April 28-29, 2000. The caravan will depart at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time from the Wal-Mart Super Center on Highway 231 South in Dothan. Registration will be \$30.00 per vehicle, Friday and Saturday. You get one free Corvette caravan T-shirt per registration, additional T-shirts available for \$10.00 each. Travel Mugs and Goody bags for the first 250 participants. Free food party Friday night and free food beach party Saturday night, included with registration. For more information contact John Hickman (334) 347-5908, e-mail jhickman@ala.net or Jim Robertson (850) 482-7277, e-mail jhrobertso@digitalexp.com.

Club Paraphernalia:


Baseball caps, shirts and club decals are now available and are on sale. Available cap colors are red and grey. The caps will be used as prize giveaways at events and can be purchased by anyone for \$20.00. One club decal is provided to each member upon joining the club. Additional decals are also available for \$5.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing caps or decals give Jerry Culbreth a call.

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